cellencye in muſicke, choſe Midas for their iudge. VVho being corrupted vvyth partiall affection, gaue the victorye to Pan vndeſerued: for vvhich Phœbus ſette a payre of Aſſes eares vpon hys head &c.

Tityrus) That by Tityrus is meant Chaucer, hath bene already ſufficiently ſayde, & by thys more playne appeareth, that he ſayth, he tolde merye tales. Such as be hys Canterburie tales. vvhom he calleth the God of Poetes for hys excellencie, ſo as Tullie calleth Lentulus, Deum vitæ ſuæ .ſ. the God of hys lyfe.

To make) to verſifie. O vvhy] A pretye Epanorthoſis or correction.

Diſcurteſie) he meaneth the falſeneſſe of his louer Roſalinde, who forſaking hym, hadde choſen another.

Poynte of worthy wite] the pricke of deſerued blame.

Menalcas] the name of a ſhephearde in Virgile; but here is meant a perſon vnknowne and ſecrete, agaynſt vvhome he often bitterly inuayeth.

vnderſonge] vndermynde and deceiue by falſe ſuggeſtion.

Embleme.

You remember, that in the fyrſt Æglogue, Colins Poeſie vvas Anchora ſpeme: for that as then there vvas hope of fauour to be found in tyme. But novve being cleane forlorne and reiected of her, as whoſe hope, that was, is cleane extinguiſhed and turned into deſpeyre, he renounceth all comfort and hope of goodneſſe to come. vvhich is all the meaning of thys Embleme.

Ægloga ſept

ARGVMEN

THis Æglogue is made in the honour and beardes, and to the ſhame and diſprayſe flours. Such as Morrell is here imagined to

Thomalin. Morre

IS not thilke ſame a goteheard p
that ſittes on ponder bancke,
Whoſe ſtraying heard them ſelfe v
emong the buſhes rancke?

Morrell.

What ho, thou iollye ſhepheards ſ
come vp the hyll to me:
Better is, then the lowly playne,
als for thy flocke, and thee.

Thomalin.

Ah God ſhield, man, that I ſhould
and learne to looke aloſte,
This reede is ryfe, that oftentime
Great clymbers fall vnſoft.